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CONTENT DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND  
CONTENT LICENSE MANAGEMENT METHOD  
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  - c. ☒ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at pages 2 and 3,
  - d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
  - e. ☒ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
- JP 08-263439 corresponds to U.S. 5,638,443
5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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